

## COMMUNICATION.

### TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
*Annapolis, January 24th, 1856.* }

*To the Honorable Wm. H. Travers, Speaker,*

SIR:—In obedience to the order of the House of Delegates, of the 18th instant, "requiring the Comptroller to report as early as practicable, if, in his opinion, any, and how much, reduction could be made in the Direct Tax under the existing revenue laws, without detriment to the State credit," I have the honor to submit the following:

The assessed value of real and personal property in the State for 1855, was, .....	\$243,933,446 00
The amount of Levy thereon for the same year, at 15 cents in the \$100.00 .....	365,900 16
Specific Tax for 1855 .....	2,297 38
Tax direct and specific for the said year .....	368,197 54
The receipts into the Treasury for the year ending the 30th of September, 1855 .....	1,200,762 58
Of the last amount, there was for Tax Direct and Specific, .....	365,837 88
And of this sum on account of Taxes, Direct and Specific, due for 1855 .....	141,506 19
Receipts into the Treasury for Taxes, other than Direct and Specific, for 1855 .....	834,924 70